

OPINION 1693

***Coccinella undecimnotata* Schneider, [1792] (currently *Hippodamia* (*Semiadalia*) *undecimnotata*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

- (a) *oculata* Thunberg, 1781, as published in the binomen *Coccinella oculata*;
- (b) *circularis* Olivier, 1791, as published in the binomen *Coccinella circularis*.

(2) The name *undecimnotata* Schneider, [1792], as published in the binomen *Coccinella undecimnotata*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *oculata* Thunberg, 1781, as published in the binomen *Coccinella oculata* and as defined by the lectotype designated by Pope (1987), suppressed in (1)(a) above;
- (b) *circularis* Olivier, 1791, as published in the binomen *Coccinella circularis*, suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 2763

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Coccinella undecimnotata* Schneider, [1792] was received from Mr Robert D. Pope (c/o *The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 6 March 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 38–40 (March 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 39. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Cogger and Lehtinen.

Cogger commented that he did not accept the argument that a neotype designation for *Coccinella undecimnotata* Schneider, [1792] was not justified (para. 1 of the application); he considered that to reject names in order to conserve another name which has no extant type material was to invite further dispute and instability. Lehtinen also commented that the existence of type material was essential in taxonomic work; when making a choice between a name with a type and one without, arguments in favour of the latter had to be really strong.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

circularis, *Coccinella*, Olivier, 1791, *Encyclopédie Méthodique. Histoire Naturelle. Insectes*, vol. 6, p. 62.

oculata, *Coccinella*, Thunberg, 1781, *Dissertatio entomologica. Novas Insectorum Species sistens*, part 1, p. 14.

undecimnotata, *Coccinella*, Schneider, [1792], *Neuestes Magazin für die Liebhaber der Entomologie*, 1(3): 379.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Coccinella oculata* Thunberg, 1781:

Pope, R.D. 1987. *Entomologica Scandinavica*, 18(1): 61.